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STEEL MATERIAL EXCELLENT IN SURFACE  
SMOOTHNESS  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This responds to the Final Office Action of March 21, 2006 (the "Final Office Action"), associated with the above-referenced patent application. Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the remarks which follow.

**In The Claims:**

Please amend claims 10-12 and 18-20, and cancel claim 26, without prejudice. The amendments to claims 10-12 and 18-20, and the cancellation of claim 26 are indicated below in the associated claim listing, which is provided on separate sheets. The correct status of the claims is also shown therein.

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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